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Rudrappa Gangadhar, M.D. 2401 University Avenue Muncie, Indiana 47303 Certified Mail Receipt Number 7160 3901 9848 7641 0273 Return Receipt Requested

Dear Dr. Gangadhar:

The State Board of Registration for the Healing Arts met via conference call on June 7, 2009. One of the items discussed by the board was your application for licensure.

It was their decision to deny your request for licensure pursuant to Sections 334.040 and 334.103.2, RSMo, which state:

- 334.040. 1. Except as provided in section 334.260, all persons desiring to practice as physicians and surgeons in this state shall be examined as to their fitness to engage in such practice by the board. All persons applying for examination shall file a completed application with the board at least eighty days before the date set for examination upon blanks furnished by the board.
- 2. The examination shall be sufficient to test the applicant's fitness to practice as a physician and surgeon. The examination shall be conducted in such a manner as to conceal the identity of the applicant until all examinations have been scored. In all such examinations an average score of not less than seventy-five percent is required to pass; provided, however, that the board may require applicants to take the Federation Licensing Examination, also known as FLEX, or the United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE). If the FLEX examination is required, a weighted average score of no less than seventy-five percent is required to pass, The passing score of the United States Medical Licensing Examination shall be determined by the board through rule and regulation. The board shall not issue a permanent license as a physician and surgeon or allow the Missouri state board examination to be administered to any applicant who has failed to achieve a passing score within three attempts on licensing examinations administered in one or more states or territories of the United States, the District of Columbia or Canada. The steps one, two and three of the United States Medical Licensing Examination shall be taken within a seven-year period with no more than three attempts on any step of the examination; however, the board may grant an extension of the seven-year period if the applicant has obtained a MD/PhD degree in a program accredited by the liaison committee on medical education (LCME) and a regional university accrediting body. The board may waive the provisions of this section if the applicant is licensed to practice as a physician and surgeon in another state of the United States, the District of Columbia or Canada and the applicant has achieved a passing score on a licensing examination administered in a state or territory of the United States or the District of Columbia and no license issued to the applicant has been disciplined in any state or territory of the United

States or the District of Columbia. Prior to waiving the provisions of this section, the board may require the applicant to achieve a passing score on one of the following:

- (1) The American Specialty Board's certifying examination in the physician's field of specialization;
- (2) Part II of the FLEX; or
- (3) The Federation portion of the State Medical Board's Special Purpose Examination (SPEX).
- 3. If the board waives the provisions of this section, then the license issued to the applicant may be limited or restricted to the applicant's board specialty. Scores from one test administration shall not be combined or averaged with scores from other test administrations to achieve a passing score. The board shall not be permitted to favor any particular school or system of healing.

334.103. 2. Anyone who has been denied a license, permit or certificate to practice in another state shall automatically be denied a license to practice in this state. However, the board of healing arts may set up other qualifications by which such person may ultimately be qualified and licensed to practice in Missouri.

If you wish to appeal the Board's denial you may do so by filing a formal complaint with the Administrative Hearing Commission pursuant to Chapter 621, RSMo. The Administrative Hearing Commission will hold a formal adversarial hearing at which time you may be represented by an attorney. It will be incumbent upon you to provide by admissible evidence that you are entitled to a license.

According to Section 621.120, you must file the complaint "within thirty days after the delivery or mailing by certified mail" of this notice. You may contact the Administrative Hearing Commission at P.O. Box 1557, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Sincerely,

Tina Steinman Executive Director

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